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THE NATIONAL ERA is an Anti-Slavery, Political and

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That Slavery is repugnant to Natural Right, the Law of Christianity, the Spirit of the Age, and the essential nature of our Republican Institutions:

That Emancipation, without compulsory expatriation, is a high duty, demanded alike by Justice and Expediency:

That there is but one safe and effectual mode of fulfilling

That Slavery can have no lawful being in Territory under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States :

That Congress is bound to exclude it from all Territory now belonging or that may hereafter belong to the United States :

That the American Union, as the bond of Peace, the organ of one Language and one Civilization, the medium of Free Trade, among the numerous States and Territories stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific shores of this Continent

a Safeguard against its Ambition and Intrigue, is of price less value to the Cause of Human Progress; and that there is enough intelligence and virtue in its members to extirpate Slavery, the single cause that disturbs its harmonies, impairs its energies, alloys its benefits, and threatens its stability:

That the Post Office Department ought to be separated from the Chief Executive, the Postmaster General and the local Postmasters being elective by the People, and the power of removal for just and sufficient cause lodged in the hands of the Postmaster General;

for the purpose of securing free exchanges within reasonable limits, between the newspapers of Europe and the United States, and a reduction to the lowest point possible in the postage on letters passing between foreign countries and their own:

That the public lands should be held as a trust for the benefit of the People of the United States, to be granted in limited quantities to actual settlers who are landless:

That the homestead ought to be exempt from sale or ex-

and between all nations, ought to be removed :

That Congress ought to make due appropriations for improvements demanded by the interests of commerce with foreign nations, or among the States, provided they be not purely local in their benefits, and be not proper subjects of State or individual enterprise.

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